

Washington - Students and family members gathered Saturday at Jefferson Community College to learn the winners of the **2007 Ohio Sixth Congressional District Arts Competition**, sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus.

This year's overall winner is **Nick Begnaud, a Poland senior who attends Mahoning County Career and Technical Center in Canfield. His piece, "Chateau DeBois,"** was the winner in the drawing category.

The winner by category are:

-Drawing:

1. "Chateau DeBois" by Nick Begnaud, Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, senior
2. Josh Romans, Belpre H.S.
3. Anna Hoobler, Beaver Local H.S.

-Painting:

1. "Thoughts of my Father" by Thomas Atkinson, Barnseville H.S., senior
2. Morgan Mercer, Belpre H.S.
3. Myla Ford, Bellaire H.S.

-Mixed Media:

1. "Who's Short Now?" by Alex Wright, Bellaire H.S., sophomore
2. Zach Porter, Bellaire H.S.
3. Amanda Forni, Monroe Central H.S.

-Photography:

1. "Just out of Reach" by Tina McClintock, Bellaire H.S., junior
2. Kaitlyn Hoover, Jefferson County Christian School
3. Dena Cibula, Beaver Local H.S.

-Computer Generated Art:

1. "The Silent One" by Edwin Mullavey, Steubenville H.S., senior

-Collage:

1. "Midway" by Emily Bonnette, Warren Local H.S., senior

49 entries from 16 high schools were included in this year's competition. The entries were judged by three award-winning Ohio artists: George Carey, Susan Kulstad, and Jim Watson.

Winning entries from each of the 435 Congressional districts will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex for a period of one year.

"I congratulate all of the students who entered this year's competition, and I look forward to seeing Nick's artwork on my walk to the House floor. It will be so nice to see a reminder of home when I'm working in Washington," said Congressman Charlie Wilson.

Nick's Grand Prize winning entry will hang in the Capitol Cannon Tunnel for one year along with winning pieces from all participating Congressional districts across the nation. Nick will be invited to Washington, D.C. for The ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 28, 2007 to open the national showing of the Congressional Arts Competition.

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